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Crop Weather

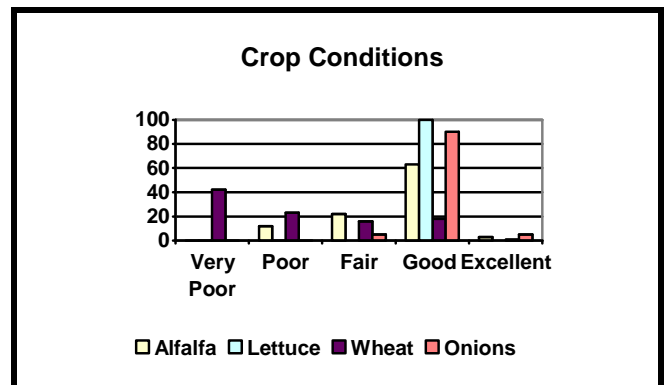
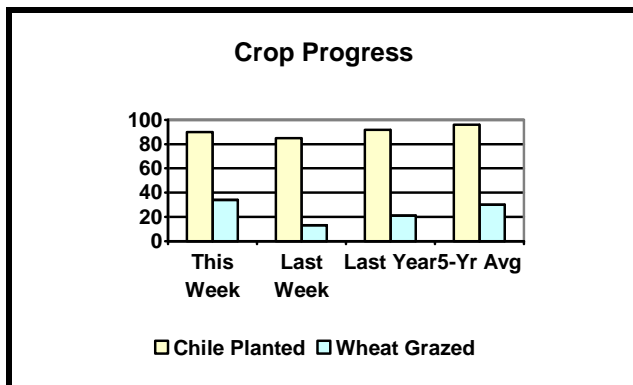
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 4, 2008

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.6 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 66% very short, 25% short and 9% adequate. Wind damage was 40% light, 17% moderate and 3% severe. Freeze damage was 9% light and 2% moderate. Farmers spent the week planting, irrigating, and fertilizing crops. Alfalfa was mostly fair to good, with 32% of first cutting complete. Cotton was 42% planted. Corn was 50% planted and 11% emerged. Irrigated sorghum was 2% planted. Irrigated winter wheat was mostly fair to good, with 40% headed. Dry winter wheat was mostly very poor to poor, with 30% headed. Total winter wheat was 34% headed. Lettuce was 100% good. Chile was mostly good with 90% planted. Onions were mostly good. Apples were mostly fair, with 100% average fruit set. Cattle conditions were mostly fair to good. Sheep conditions were mostly fair to good. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor to fair. Livestock producers have been busy supplemental feeding, hauling water, working and moving cattle.

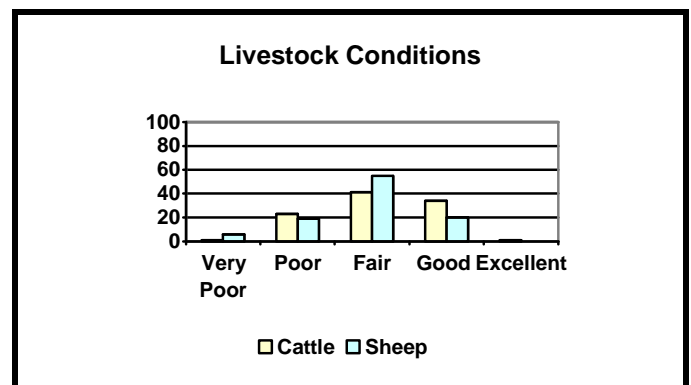
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Planted	90	85	92	96
CORN	Planted	50	42	58	52
COTTON	Planted	42	27	53	62
WHEAT	Headed	34	13	21	30



CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

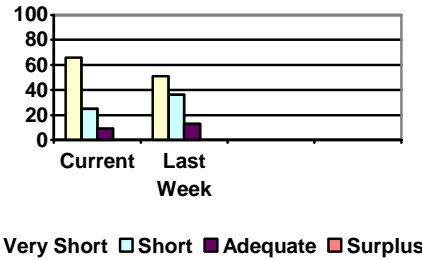
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	12	20	62	5
Chile	---	---	17	83	---
Lettuce	---	---	---	100	---
Onions	---	---	5	90	5
Wheat (All)	42	23	16	18	1
Cattle	1	23	41	34	1
Sheep	6	19	55	20	---
Range/Pasture	25	46	24	5	---



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	16	59	25	---
Northeast	67	33	---	---
Southwest	90	10	---	---
Southeast	76	4	20	---
State Current	66	25	9	---
State-Last Week	51	36	13	---
State-Last Year	---	---	---	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	---	---	---	---

Soil Moisture



WEATHER SUMMARY

Another dry and windy week for the state of New Mexico with no precipitation reported statewide. However, due to an intrusion of cooler air on Thursday and Friday temperatures for the week averaged below normal.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – APRIL 28 – MAY 4, 2008

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 28-Apr - 04-May	Month 1-Apr - 04-May	Accum. 1-Jan - 04-May	Normal May	Normal Jan-May
Northwest								
Albuquerque	57.5	84	30	0.00	0.00	0.91	0.50	2.46
Chama	43.6	69	10	0.00	0.00	6.30	1.11	7.72
Farmington	50.1	82	20	0.00	0.00	2.05	0.67	3.15
Gallup	48.5	77	15	0.00	0.00	3.65	0.51	3.74
Grants	48.4	77	17	0.00	0.00	1.78	0.53	2.48
Johnson Ranch	47.1	76	17	0.00	0.00	2.24	0.62	3.09
Los Alamos	49.2	73	25	0.00	0.00	2.94	1.17	5.05
Red River	39.8	63	16	0.00	0.00	3.17	1.77	7.52
Santa Fe	50.3	79	23	0.00	0.00	2.49	1.22	4.09
Northeast								
Capulin	46.1	75	16	0.00	0.00	2.48	2.30	5.16
Clayton	56.2	86	31	0.00	0.00	2.03	1.99	4.03
Clovis	59.1	86	33	0.00	0.00	2.31	1.87	4.17
Las Vegas	49.8	75	20	0.00	0.00	1.25	1.82	4.36
Moriarty	48.8	79	22	0.00	0.00	1.33	0.97	3.07
Raton	47.0	80	17	0.00	0.00	0.86	2.27	5.17
Roy	55.0	81	24	0.00	0.00	1.43	1.84	3.98
Tucumcari	61.8	91	30	0.00	0.00	1.81	1.49	3.49
Southwest								
Animas	66.6	90	41	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.18	2.04
Deming	63.9	90	37	0.00	0.00	0.42	0.19	1.73
Gran Quivira	54.6	77	24	0.00	0.00	0.97	0.82	3.70
Quemado	48.4	78	13	0.00	0.00	1.10	0.50	3.45
Socorro	57.3	86	28	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.52	1.93
T or C	63.0	86	36	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.49	1.89
Southeast								
Alamogordo	62.1	87	35	0.00	0.00	0.42	0.45	2.38
Carlsbad	65.2	93	36	0.00	0.00	0.09	1.16	2.65
Carrizozo	57.3	81	26	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.62	2.72
Las Cruces	62.8	86	41	0.00	0.00	0.17	0.29	1.55
Roswell	62.3	92	35	0.00	0.00	0.22	1.24	3.23
Ruidoso	50.1	74	22	0.00	0.00	1.43	0.87	5.11
Tatum	54.8	79	33	0.00	0.00	0.15	2.09	4.14

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction - All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.